

Ottawa, Week by Week

(By M. L. SCHWARTZ)

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It should be emphasized that as acting Prime Minister while Premier King will be overseas, he will even now be assuming immediate direction of all important matters of the government. He will be preparing the plans for the coming session, and other important tasks awaiting his personal direction will include the arrangements for a cabinet reorganization, though this is not expected to be extensive at the time but still may include some surprises, judging from gossip in political circles along Parliament Hill, where it is forecast that at least two parliamentary assistants may become Ministers, one or two Ministers may retire, and a former Minister may return to the cabinet. Then again, it is known here that Mr. St. Laurent may want to handle the negotiations for Newfoundland's entry into confederation as a tenth province by personal direction of the final dealings of the provincial governments on the freight rate boosts, and many other pressing domestic problems which will require his presence in this capital as head of the new administration.

Obviously, there is no mystery why Mr. St. Laurent has preferred to remain here rather than to take the two important delegations overseas for lengthy meetings.

Still Legal, They Say

The intensive spy hunt and probe in Washington where stern and swift action is being taken against Communists, including the arrest of William Foster as head of the Communist Party in the United States and other top ranking leaders of the party, may not necessarily lead to similar moves in Ottawa if it is learned, though the authorities here are on the alert and prepared to stamp out quickly any Communist activities which violate the Canadian law. But the significance for the ordinary citizen of Canada to bear in mind that the Communist party in this country is still apparently legal and an entity, even though denounced by all political forces.

At the last session of Parliament a private bill was presented there that would have made it illegal as a party, but the House of Commons somehow did not vote it. This bill, in the name of Wilfrid Laurier, M.P. for Quebec-Montmorency, aimed to make the "Pro-Communist Party" actually a Communist group, an illegal organization. However,

Versatile Vocalist

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Conserving Supplies

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Sales are Dropping

Evidence before the Royal Commission on Prices here has disclosed that orders received by Canadian shoe manufacturers from retailers are dropping at a fast rate this year, though some manufacturers claimed that this was not correct in their own cases. One well known Canadian shoe firm executive told the Commission that his firm's sales have declined 25 per cent, attributing this drop to "buyer's resistance" to high prices and efforts of retailers to keep their stocks down now. However, other manufacturers asserted that their orders were holding up well so far, obviously indicating that sales conditions in shops were extremely unsettled at present.

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Delia Public Schools

Registrations for the fall term of Delia Public Schools took place at the opening on Wednesday last, September 1, when a total of 85 pupils was enrolled.

Some changes have been made in the allocation owing to the appointment of a male principal, High School Grades XI and XII are in charge of Mr. Drake Shellen, and there are 11 pupils, Grades IX and X are in charge of the vice-principal Mrs. Knapp Kemp, in the number of pupils 14. The Intermediate, Grades V to VIII, is in charge of Mrs. J. K. Kary, the number of pupils, 22. Primary Room, Grades I to IV, is in charge of Mrs. K. Coffin, and has the largest enrolment, the number being 38. Due to the resignation of Class Lees, the administration of Wm. Dymtryk to the post of school janitor was made by the board of trustees.



SEEDTIME AND HARVEST

(Continued from previous column)

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Rob Bobs, which because of its extreme earliness has brought untold millions of additional revenue to Alberta farmers, was discovered and selected by Seager Wheeler, an outstanding seed grower, who made no profit to himself from his discovery. Without Seager Wheeler's aid, long and hard work in his field, there would have been no Rob Bobs. Seager Wheeler on account of his advanced age was recently obliged to give active farm work, he has quietly disappeared into the shadows of retirement. This thought occurred to me whether all Alberta farmers, and perhaps the Alberta government itself, who have so benefited throughout the years from Rob Bobs, might not wish to show their appreciation of Seager Wheeler's outstanding contribution to Alberta's farm wealth, by conferring on him a modest honorarium in order to make his modest and Wheeler a little more comfortable with freedom from financial care, in the evening of his life.

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These widely distributed projects are a definite contribution toward better living and greater security on the prairie farm. Where water is available, houses may be modernized, a sprinkler irrigation system installed to irrigate the garden and lawns where irrigation is not feasible, and last but not least feed reserves may be built up and maintained.

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CBX LACOMBE, ALTA.



After September 8, the CBC will serve the Prairie Region with three of the most powerful transmitters in North America—CBW, Manitoba (top left); CBK, Saskatchewan (center); and CBY, Alberta (lower left). There are 50,000 watt stations of modern design. CBK has served prairie listeners since 1939. CBW and CBY, built during 1947-48, were officially opened September 3 and 8 respectively.

PLAN TO PROVIDE TRAINING FOR DRIVERS

For some years the Alberta Motor Association has been a staunch advocate of driver training in high schools. Its origins have been made to provincial authorities, while it has pointed to the steady development of the system in the U.S., where 180,000 students will graduate this year in courses instituted by educational authorities with the co-operation of the American Automobile Association.

While it was hoped that Alberta would adopt the course, even on an experimental basis this year, the department of education has given its answer. It has left the matter in the hands of school boards to adopt such courses if they desire to on an extra-curricular basis.

Some Alberta boards have indicated that they intend to go ahead with the courses on this new basis for next term. Also, they are making preparations to send one or more teachers to the extra-training schools within the A.A.A. system in Vancouver.

Reports from U.S. centers have shown conclusively that where such driver training courses are given in schools, there has been a noticeable reduction in motor accidents.

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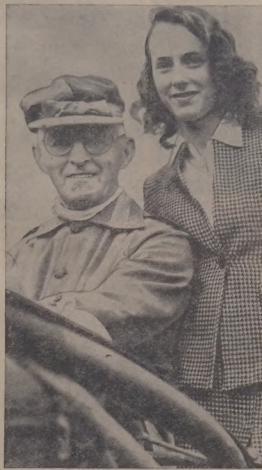
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"DROPPED IN" TO SEE FRIENDS MARRIED—Wedding guests: Ron Glenow (left), and E. J. Foster, (right), accepted invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Keith MacKinnon, married in Ajman, Que. They didn't say they'd "drop in" by parachute. Glenow, with parachute hat brand, parachute dropped 100 yards away.—S.N.S. Photo.



OLEST DRIVER AT 12th ANNUAL PACING DERBY—Sweden thousand enthusiasts jammed the stand and grounds at New Hamburg, Ont., promptly to witness the famous race. So heavy was the attendance at the race that Carl Katsamer, the club's secretary, declared the pace for next year's derby would be raised. Oldest active driver at the 12th annual Canadian Pacing Derby was Dick Scott, 71, of Toronto, who is seen with Joan Woodward. He has been racing for 40 years.—S.N.S. Photo.



ESCAPES SERIOUS INJURY AS CAR CRASHES INTO VERANDAH—"Another two feet and I would have been killed," said Robert J. Train, of Toronto, sitting on his verandah when a car crashed into it. The accident occurred after two cars collided at an intersection. No one was hurt. "I was just sitting in my chair relaxing when there was a loud noise and the first thing I knew the nose of a car was under my foot," said Mr. Train. "It demolished the steps, knocked the verandah out of line and maybe knocked out the brick wall a little. I saved the wife out of me." Both cars suffered extensive radiator and fender damage in the crash. Above is Mr. Train, (right), (other people unidentified) standing on his shattered verandah.—S.N.S. Photo.



C.E. GUIDES—Boat-tying practice is keeping these girls busy at the Perry Sound camp operated by the Canadian Council of Girl Guides. From left are Margaret Hasell, of Bermuda; Barbara Ross, from Alberta; Anne Short, Bermuda; and Alison Rogers, Kent, England. The 42 girls at camp range in age from 15 to 19. The camp, the first of its kind in Canada brought together guides from Canada, U.S.A. and many parts of the Commonwealth.—S.N.S. Photo.



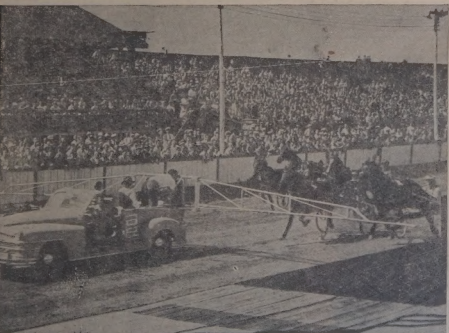
NO SINX HERE—Tina Feltshbury McNary, former model and film star and her brother, a champion on the tennis courts, lived up to her name recently. She gave birth to an eight-pound boy on the calendar's No. 1 holiday.—Felix the 13th.—S.N.S. Photo.



ADDRESSES CROWD—Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King addressed the big crowd at the Maxwell Highland Games recently when he made his farewell speech before retiring.



SAVES EIGHTY-ONE—An attentive airline stewardess, Rita Meyer, (above), of Kilmarnock, Ont., who "didn't have time to get nervous," is credited with preventing a major airline tragedy when she calmly led 81 passengers from a flaming Trans-Canada Airlines North Star to safety at Shuswap, B.C. Five crew members also escaped when the big four-engine plane plunged 200 feet from the summit of earth and burst into flames after making a routine landing at Rayburn airport. It was en route from Montreal to Preewick, Scotland.—S.N.S. Photo.



GOVERNOR-GENERAL AND PREMIER AT F.E.I. EXHIBITION—Charlottetown exhibition of livestock and harness racing was officially opened by Vincent Alexander, governor-general of Canada, who enjoyed the racing following ceremony. A part of crowd watches a "start" from new starting gate. Premier of Prince Edward Island, J. Walter Jones, who attended, is an outstanding Holstein breeder.—S.N.S. Photo.



FELLED BY BULLETS—Cut down by police bullets, Charles McMahon, 41, of Toronto, is fighting for his life in hospital. He stands only a 50-50 chance to survive, doctors said. "With three slugs in the back and hips, McMahon ran almost through the lobby of the hotel in which he lived he collapsed in trying to make a back gate. Police surprised the suspect in a U.S. car.—S.N.S. Photo.



CANAL LIFT BRIDGE, SWINGS UP FOR ANY BOAT, TYING TRAFFIC—This aerial shot shows the lift bridge at Burlington, Ont., being raised by its own power line through, while a line of motor and traffic piles up at either side of the lift. New rules cause the lift to be raised on the signal of any small craft. They supersede the system of hourly raising of the canal lift.—S.N.S. Photo.

OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY—

DATE WITH A LADY

By WILL NEED

JIM opened her bedroom door and found her waiting for him to enter. He smiled at her nervously, trying to get up enough nerve to say "Hi."

"Hi," he stammered. She looked at him with a curious expression. "Hi," she said. "I don't know how to say it, but I'm glad to see you."

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watch in his mirror, and straightened

his back.

"Where are you taking her?" she

asked.

"He looked down at the emotionless

face of his girl, and he said, "I don't

know yet. I think I shall go to the

theatricals on the night of the

moment, don't you?"

"Yes, I think it is the most romantic,"

she said. "Oh, by the way, will you

call me a taxi on your way out?"

"He closed the door and went out

the door, then went out and got to

the corner in front of the bank. It

was a nice night for a drive in the

country so he got down the drive in

his car, he started.

At eight-thirty he was standing

in front of the bank and seeing his

she back and forth on the side-

walk as he waited for his date.

Every few minutes he would glance

up at the clock in front of the bank

to see the street toward the main

entrance.

At eight-thirty-five he saw a girl

approaching down the sidewalk.

As she got within an arm's length

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Western Briefs

EMONTON—Edmonton's parking meters were collecting before they were officially in service. Before use of the meters was enforced, the meters were installed, but to see how they worked.

WINNIPEG—A construction of a wing for laboratory purposes to the University of Manitoba's engineering building has begun on the Fort Garry campus. The 100,000 foot building cost \$400,000.

REGINA—About 1,000 miles on its Rocky Mountain habitat, a snowbird, 30-year-old conifer now is stuffed and mounted in the Regina natural history museum. The animal was killed at Carleton Place, Ont.

MONTREAL—Edmonton, sinking at \$20,000, has collected \$20,000 from the British Columbia Energy Commission.

SARASOTA—For farmers in Saskatchewan, the finding that the market value of 100,000 bushels of all of them are specializing in milk.

WINNIPEG—A large machine in the house? A large machine in the house? A large machine in the house?

BUTCHER GIVES HEADACHE BUT ALSO A CURE

KALAMAZOO—A Kalamazoo butcher, Mike Nichols, sympathizes with his customer's complaints about high prices.

SMALL NUMBER IN CANADA UNEMPLOYED

OTTAWA—Employment in Canada is being maintained at a high level by the Bureau of Statistics.

DEFICIT HAS BEEN REDUCED

OTTAWA—Canada's adverse trade balance with the United States dropped sharply last year.

CAT PROVES ADEPT AS HARVEST HAND

OTTAWA, Ont.—Patricia, a cat of French extraction, has proved her worth as a harvest hand in a peach orchard.

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Canada And U.S. To Share Military Data

WASHINGTON—James Forrestal, defense secretary, disclosed that the United States and Canada have agreed informally to exchange military information on a "broad general basis."

Forrestal recently returned from Ottawa, where he met with Hon. Brock Chisholm, Canada's minister of national defense.

He did not specify what types of military information would be exchanged, but he said that the exchange would go a long way toward

They said officials of both countries are discussing informal exchange of scientific industrial data to which each is entitled by the purpose of this would be to prevent overproduction of some materials and unnecessary shortages of others.

Forrestal said it is "too early" to say whether a U.S.-Canadian agreement will lead to a formal pact.

He said that a U.S.-Canadian war plan is continuing through the United States-Canada joint defense board.

Forrestal's aide said that U.S.-Canadian officials will discuss plans for standardizing the calibers of rifles and artillery weapons of the two countries.

Defense officials said they were in agreement that the exchange of information would be on a "broad general basis."

OTTAWA—Canada has started a large supply of 47,000,433 bullets, compared with 42,007,697 at the end of 1943.

The Bureau of Statistics reported that the number of 30.06-inch bullets, 13,147,000, on hand at July 31, 1944.

The number of smaller caliber rounds with an estimated 1944-45 crop of 1,967,000, on hand at July 31, 1944.

Small number in Canada unemployed

OTTAWA—Employment in Canada is being maintained at a high level by the Bureau of Statistics.

Record Price Paid For Canadian Ram

HALF LAKE CITY, Ont.—A small, black-and-white ram from Alberta, named "Pat," was sold for \$3,500 at the opening of the 22nd annual Ram Show.

Pat was sold by J. L. Laidlaw of Midland, Ont., to J. A. Rusk of Box of Drummond, Ont.

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ROAD NEARLY COMPLETED

OTTAWA, Ont.—Patricia, a cat of French extraction, has proved her worth as a harvest hand in a peach orchard.

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SHEEP FEEDING RACK

WASTE of food through trampy sheep when they are fed in the racks is easily avoided by using a well-designed feeding rack. The accompanying drawing shows a sheep feeding rack of the portable type which provides a rack for hay and rough for grain.

It may be built any convenient length, but units 12 to 16 feet long are most satisfactory. Since the bottom of the hay rack is raised 20 inches off the floor there is little danger of hay droppings getting into the wool of the animals. This design also makes it impossible for the sheep to get their heads into the racks and pull the wool of the animals to pull the wool from the racks.

The legs are made of 2x4 inch scantlings and are also the cross members supporting the troughs and hay racks. The bottom of the racks is supported on two pieces of 2 by 6 inch lumber, spaced 12 inches apart. The cross members, if good material is used and all the legs are well braced, will make a sturdy structure which will give good service for a long time.

Side elevation (both ends)

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Cut away view

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See Cadets Were Unexpected Thrill

ENQUINILL, B.C.—A school of 25 sea cadets, 14-16 years old, were on a tour of the coast.

The cruise was part of a 24-hour instruction course at the Canadian Maritime Service College,

